



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 7, 2017

Scripture Meditation: Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10

Whether we are at peace with God or not, whether we are full of faith or weakened by doubts, recalling the gospel message helps us to see our lives from a heavenly perspective. It tells us that we are destined for something wonderful and moves us to try a little harder to be pleasing to the Lord.

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	May 6	4:30 PM	+PATRICIA GRIBBEN~ <i>Rita McManus and Linda Dominick</i>
Sun.	May 7	7:30 AM	+FRANK CANTAFIO ~ <i>Connie Sandor and Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+MARY LEMIEUX ~ <i>Granddaughters, Michele and Danielle</i>
		11:00 AM	+JOHN MINO ~ <i>Richard Balogna</i>
Mon.	May 8	7:30 AM	+HELENA MARCIN ~ <i>Mr. and Mrs. Stefan Scerba</i>
Tues.	May 9	7:30 AM	FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD
Wed.	May 10	7:30 AM	+GEORGE AND +YOLANDA MARUS
Thurs.	May 11	7:30 AM	+SR. OKSANA ~ <i>Mr. and Mrs. Stefan Curma</i>
Fri.	May 12	7:30 AM	+JOHN ZIZA, <i>Anniversary ~ The Ziza Family</i>
Sat.	May 13	8:00 AM	COMMUNITY MASS
		4:30 PM	+LARRY CIACCI ~ <i>Catherine Ciacci</i>
Sun.	May 14	7:30 AM	+RICHARD LAVERY ~ <i>David Margonis</i>
		9:00 AM	+JOSEPH AND +MARY TKASIK
		11:00 AM	+HELEN AND +JOHN VASSAK ~ <i>The Silhavey Family</i>



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 4-30-2017

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ---- \$9,975

Sunday Collection \$ 4,565

Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day... \$ 1,138

School Lease Income..... \$ 14,000

TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME..... \$ 19,703

SURPLUS \$ 9,728

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date \$9,975 x 44.....\$ 438,900

Actual Weekly Income Year to date \$ 428,013 Shortfall \$ 10,887



PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering. Please pray for the good health of:
Arline Barber, Jay Behan, Betty Jane Berchem, Enrique Borromeo, Caterina Caruso, William Charney, Mark Charney, Catherine M. Ellison, Fr. Robert Maty, Richard Miller, Dottie Millo, Helen Mino, Michael Nevells, Janet Onze, Assunta Palumbo, Peter Panicali, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Roger Silhavey, Jennie Tesla, Laurie Wrabel, Janet Wrabel



The altar sanctuary candle for the month of May is given in loving memory of **Michael Pucci** from Betty Pucci & Family.

The candle on the St. Joseph Altar for the month of May is given in loving memory of **John Ziza** from the Ziza Family.

Our next Community Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 13 at 8:00 AM. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered at this Mass, please call the parish office at 203-375-5815 by Thursday.

3rd Bann of Marriage ~ Eva Bodnarova & Josef Estocin

Youth Choir News: Rehearsal is held on Wednesdays from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM in the church choir loft.

Religious Education: May 7 ~ Religious Education Classes/ Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8.

2nd Grade Sacrament Retreat held in the Convent Community Room. 2nd grade parents are invited to join us. From Sr. Joseph Therese, "This is a special day set apart for those who made Reconciliation and are almost ready for Eucharist. Prayer, reflection, story-telling, and activities are all geared to the experiential understanding of the Sacraments. It is a day they will remember for a long time to come. I have had college students come back and tell me they still have one or more of the mementos of that day tucked away in a drawer or on a desk or shelf."

May 14 ~ Religious Education Classes/ Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8.

Thursday, May 18 ~ First Eucharist Rehearsal in Church 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM for Children & Parents.

Saturday, May 20 First Eucharist, at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Sunday, May 21, Last Religious Education Class/ Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8.



Our Religious Education Program is hosting a Food Drive to benefit the Black Rock Food Pantry. This is the last weekend we are collecting donations which may be dropped off in the Church Vestibule this weekend (or the Parish Office on Monday).

Our Parish Nurses will be available THIS weekend, May 6 & 7 to take blood pressure readings and answer any medical concerns you may have. The nurses will be in the Church Vestibule - Confessional Room following all the weekend Masses.

May 6 is National Nurses Day

We thank our parish nurses for their compassion, dedication and service to our parish family.

"We were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us." (1 Thess 2:7b-8)

From Our Parish Nurses: Protect and Preserve

Your Vision Glaucoma is a disease that results in vision loss due to elevated eye pressure that affects the optic nerves in the eyes. In the initial stages of glaucoma, patients often experience no noticeable symptoms, even though an eye exam can detect its presence, so getting screened is your best strategy for early detection and prevention of severe vision loss. Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of vision loss in people age 50 and older. AMD interferes with central vision and the ability to see colors and fine detail. Again, AMD usually progresses slowly and often goes unnoticed in the early stages, so early detection during an eye exam is key to preserving vision. *To be continued.*



The Guild of the Mother of Jesus will hold their Annual May Crowning and Open House on this Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 PM in Church.

All are invited. An Open House with refreshments follows in the Parish Hall.

All high school girls and ladies of the parish are invited to participate. **Please come to practice on Monday, May 8 at 6:30 PM in church.**

HNJ TAG SALE – June 10 & 11. Currently we are looking for donations of JEWELRY. If you have **jewelry items** to donate, please place them in the box located in the sacristy hallway. Other items will be collected at the end of May. Watch the bulletin for future updates on donations. *******VOLUNTEERS**

NEEDED *** We are looking for a few men to help carry tag sale items from the school basement to the hall the week of **May 22. (aprox. 1 hour)** Please call **Mary Ann Wells at 203-375-2836 for the day and time *******



World War I: Beyond the Front Lines, an exhibition exploring America's involvement in the "Great War" including the K of C's Catholic outreach to servicemen at home and abroad. Knights of Columbus Museum, 1 State St., New Haven, open 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily. Admission and parking are free. kofcmuseum.org

Evangelization Corner ~ To follow in the footsteps of our Shepherd is to pass through the valley of death into the glory of life lived to the full in His presence. Let us pray always for the reassurance of His guiding hand and of His word, and also through those appointed to lead us in His name.

The Holy Name Men's Society will hold a meeting at 6:30 PM on Thursday, May 18 in the parish Hall.

*******NEW DATE****Fatima at 100 Years (1917 to 2017) Join us on Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 PM in the Church for an informative talk by Deacon Michael Saranich. Fatima at 100 Years is a journey back to the Fatima of 1917** by examining Portugal's world that existed in that year. There will be a look at the differences between Revelation and Marian Apparitions, an examination of the supernatural events that occurred in Fatima, the visits of an angel in 1915 and 1916 and the six visits of a Lady dressed in white and the three secrets she gave to Lucia Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto in 1917. *We welcome you to join us for this very special occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparition at Fatima.* Please call the parish office to let us know you will be attending. 203-375-5815

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal We are grateful to seminarian Deacon Abelardo Vasquez for assisting at last week's Masses. ~ **Prayer for seminarians** ~ *Father, in your plan for our salvation, you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and charity. Raise up worthy priests for your altars and ardent, but gentle servants of the Gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Do you have a faith question? A suggestion or comment? Your Parish Task Force welcomes you to place a note in the offertory basket during weekend Masses. We thank those who have already done so. Bulletin space permitting, responses will be published. **Why isn't the bulletin distributed before Mass?** Fr. Andy explains: *the bulletin is distributed after the Recessional so it does not become a distraction during the Celebration of the Mass.* **Do the Religious Education Children recite the Rosary during May?** Sr. Joseph Therese responds: *During Our Lady's months of May and October, the children learn about the role of the Mother of God and in May recite a decade of the rosary each week.*

Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2017. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The program is a 2 week session that runs from Sunday, Jul. 23 – Saturday, Aug. 5. Register on line at: www.NortheastCatholic.edu Questions? admissions@northeastcatholic.edu or call 603-456-2656.